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SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMUSKOREA

1. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT QUOTATIONS FROM "TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR COMMANDER UNITED STATES FORCES, KOREA" ISSUED AS CINCPAC
INSTRUCTION S 3020.2G CH-1 DATED 8 AUGUST 1972:

1. PURPOSE. THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE GOVERN THE COMMAND
RELATIONSHIPS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF
THE COMMANDER, US FORCES, KOREA (COMUSKOREA). PREVIOUS
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMUSKOREA ARE RESCINDED.

3. TASKS. COMUSKOREA WILL: AS PROMULGATED BY JCS SM-127-72
OF 17 MARCH 72, WITH RESPECT TO THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
OPERATE UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

(1) GENERAL. THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE GOVERN THE ORGANIZATION
AND OPERATIONS OF THE COMMANDER, US FORCES, KOREA (COMUSKOREA),
AS THEY RELATE TO HIS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER
THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP). NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE
CONSTRUED AS INFRINGING UPON COMUS-KOREA'S AUTHORITY AS
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, UNKTED NATIONS COMMAND (CINCUNC), OR
UPON THE ASSIGNED OPERATIONAL CONTROL AUTHORITY OF COMUSKOREA,
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AS IT IS RELATED TO THE US ARMED FORCES IN THE ROK.

(2) MISSION. COMUSKOREA'S MILITARY ASSISTANCE MISSION IS TO ASSIST THE ROK IN DEVELOPING ARMED FORCES CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING INTERNAL SECURITY AGAINST COMMUNIST-DIRECTED OR COMMUNIST-INSPIRED SUBVERSION AND INSURGENCY OF OTHER FORCES HOSTILE TO US INTERESTS AND, WITH US COMBAT SUPPORT, DETERRING AND RESISTING EXTERNAL AGGRESSION.

(3) COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATING PROECDURES.

(B) COMUSKOREA ACTS AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITH RESPECT TO THE US MAP IN THE ROK.

(C) COMUSKOREA WILL FORMULATE POLICIES FOR AND SUPERVISE THE OPERATION OF HIS MILITARY ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVES BY CINCPAC AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND IN CONSONANCE WITH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM POLICY DIRECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

(D) THE COMUSKOREA AGENCY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MAP IN THE ROK IS THE JOINT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE GROUP-KOREA (JUSMAG-K). THE CHIEF, JUSMAG-K, SHALL EXERCISE COMMAND OF THE JUSMAG-K, WHICH SHALL BE COMPOSED OF A HEADQUARTERS AND SUBORDINATE SERVICE SECTIONS.

(E) THE CHIEF, JUSMAG-K, WILL PERFORM HIS FUNCTIONS, SUBJECT TO COORDINATION WITH THE CHIEF, US DIPLOMATIC MISSION, FOR AFFAIRS RELATING TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE-DEFENSE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ON 20 MARCH 1959.

(F) THE CHIEF, JUSMAG-K, SHALL BE GOVERNED IN HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH US EMBASSY PERSONNEL BY APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND PERTINENT SECTIONS OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED, WHICH DELINEATED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION. DIRECTIVES CONCERNING THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS CONTRAVENING THE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

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BILITY OF THE CHIEF, JUSMAG-K, TO SUBMIT HIS VIEWS THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS, KEEPING THE CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION INFORMED ON SUBJECTS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF COMUSKOREA AND/OR HIGHER MILITARY AUTHORITY.

(4) RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS. COMUSKOREA IS RESPONSIBLE TO CINCPAC FOR ADMINISTERING IN THE ROK THOSE ASPECTS OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IS RESPONSIBLE UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED, AND WILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVES OK HIGHER AUTHORITY:

(A) DEVELOP INTEGRATED, TRI-SERVICE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE ROK AND SUBMIT THEM TO CINCPAC.

(B) REVIEW ROK MILITARY OBJECTIVES AND FORCE STRUCTURES AND SUBMIT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CINCPAC.

(D) WITH RESPECT TO THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE MISSION OF COMUSKOREA, HE WILL INSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE TAKEN:

1. PROVIDE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE ROK ARMED FORCES, AS APPROPRIATE, ON ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, INTELLIGENCE, UNIT ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING, AND LOGISTICS AND OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO INSURE PROPER UTILIZATION OF THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED TO THE ROK UNDER THE MAP.

3. CONSULT, COLLABORATE, AND COORDINATE WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ROK IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE MANUAL, THE BASIC PLANNING DOCUMENT, AND CINCPAC SUPPLEMENTS THERETO IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOTAL EFFORT IN TERMS OF US AND RECIPIENT COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS.

(E) ADVISE AND ASSIST THE ROK IN PREPARATION OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE DIRECTIVES FROM CINCPAC AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

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(N) FURNISH THE US AMBASSADOR TO THE ROK SUCH ADVICE ON MILITARY MATTERS AS HE MAY REQUIRE IN EXERCISING GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2. ON JANUARY 14, 1976, THE TRI-HEADQUARTERS ISSUED REGULATION 1-47, WHICH STATES IN PART:

IZRM RESPONSIBILITIES. THE COMMANDER OF US FORCES, KOREA (COMUSKOREA), AS THE SINGLE SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE IN KOREA, REPRESENTS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITH RESPECT TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA." THE REGULATION THEN DELEGATES FUNCTIONS TO CHIEF JUSMAG-K AND USFK STAFF.

3. IN "REAL WORLD", NEITHER TOR OR REG CREAT ANY

OPERATION PROBLEMS. IT DOES INDICATE WHY DIFFICULTIES
ARISING IN CONNECLION AWARD. I WOULD HOPE THAT DURING
CINC CHANGE OVER, ASSIGNMENT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE
DUTIES BE REVISED TO CONFORM MORE CLOSELY TO WORLD-WIDE
PATTERNS AND PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES CONCERNING
AMBASSADORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.
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